

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**In the Matter of the Investigation
of the Clinton Correction Facility**

Interview of David Sweat

June 29, 2015

1 [START RECORDING -
2 NYSPINTERVIEW_OF_DAVID_SWEAT_6-29-15.MP3]
3 MALE VOICE #1: Good morning.
4 MALE VOICE #2: Morning.
5 MALE VOICE #1: How are you?
6 MALE VOICE #2: Good.
7 MALE VOICE #1: I'm fine. - - Hello.
8 FEMALE VOICE #1: Hello.
9 MALE VOICE #1: We were talking with Dave
10 last night and we're - - he said it was okay if
11 we came back and chatted a little bit this
12 morning.
13 FEMALE VOICE #1: Okay.
14 MALE VOICE #1: Okay with that?
15 MR. DAVID SWEAT: He's good.
16 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. All right, appreciate
17 it. How's it going? Feeling all right today?
18 Yeah? You had any drugs lately?
19 MR. SWEAT: - -
20 MALE VOICE #1: You got a minute or two?
21 All right. I just wanted to just kind of finish
22 off. I know they had to do some labs on you
23 last night. So, we kind of cut short a little
24 bit. But I just didn't know if there was
25 anything else you thought of over the night that

1 I didn't ask you about?

2 MR. SWEAT: - - I really think you were
3 pretty close to being--

4 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] yeah.

5 MR. SWEAT: --finished anyway.

6 MALE VOICE #1: I know you were talking, you
7 made it up north. You're in the hunting - -
8 there for a while.

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

10 MALE VOICE #1: And then you kind of--you
11 were talking about you crossed through to Levin
12 [phonetic] and knew where you were.

13 MR. SWEAT: Yeah I crossed through Levin and
14 I knew where I was. And I had crossed 23.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah?

16 MR. SWEAT: After that, a lot of farms
17 around - -. I tried to stay low and just find a
18 spot back - -to hang out. And - - go by.
19 'Cause he was having a hard time moving around.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah?

21 MR. SWEAT: With the farms.

22 MALE VOICE #1: So you were laying low
23 during the day, during that part?

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I wasn't sure if somebody
25 maybe spotted me crossing a field or something

1 'cause I started seeing a lot of border patrol.
2 And when I seen the border patrol van go by - -
3 trailer - -four wheeler. I figured if that's in
4 there, then somebody probably called them. I
5 started moving through. I could hear more cars
6 at the bottom. So I assume that somebody
7 called. And I started running down fields and
8 to the, sticking to the tree lines. The last
9 thing that happened was I got across the road
10 and I figured--'cause it was a, there was a - -
11 road. I said, if I can get across that into the
12 trees I'm good. Some cops getting - -. You
13 know I just had to cross - - search - -.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

15 MR. SWEAT: I didn't make it to the tree
16 line there because a cop - -. He - - called me
17 back and I was like, "What's up - -?" He said,
18 "I don't know." - - At first you could tell
19 that he didn't know who I was.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

21 MR. SWEAT: He was a little confused at
22 first, 'cause I just, the night before I had
23 just shaved and I had cleaned up a little bit
24 and I was in camo gear. So, he must have
25 thought that I was one of the guys just started

1 walking around.

2 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah?

3 MR. SWEAT: He tried to call me back over
4 'cause we couldn't hear each other. I said,
5 "For what - -." And he said, "Come here." I
6 said, "No, I'm good." I turned around and I
7 tried to start walking away. He said, "Hey,
8 hey, hey come here." And I kept walking. He
9 says, "Get over here." He said, "Are you - -?"
10 He said, "Hey." I started moving a little
11 faster. He started, he said, "God damn it."
12 Then - - started running. I took off. He - -
13 the van and I put my hands up. The next thing
14 he says, "I'm going to shoot you. If you don't
15 stop, I'm going to shoot you." I said, "I ain't
16 got no weapons. I don't have no weapons." I
17 held my hands up. I kept running so he could
18 see that my hands were up. I dropped the book
19 bag and I just ran and he shot me anyway. He
20 hit me twice and it was--the first one hit me in
21 the shoulder the top. It killed this whole arm.
22 I couldn't move it. And the other one was on
23 the other side. I thought man, I'm going to hit
24 the ground and just started spitting blood
25 everywhere. He hit my lung.

1 MALE VOICE #1: It sounds like, it sounds
2 like it missed your lung though right?

3 MR. SWEAT: Well, he got, he got a little
4 bit. That's why they have the - - in.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

6 MR. SWEAT: I was, I was spitting blood up.
7 It means if you - - blood in it - - hit in the
8 lung. I was spitting up, spitting that up - -.
9 And he said, "Don't, move, don't move." I said,
10 "I'm not moving. I'm flat on my - -." His van
11 has a - - my arm walking out to - -. I'm going
12 to die. I'm going to drown on my blood. And he
13 wouldn't let me move and I didn't

14 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

15 --doctor - -. Once I was everybody was
16 there and everybody relaxed, it kind of helped,
17 you know, a little. You know, 'cause they could
18 see - - spitting blood up all over. They'd sit
19 me up a little bit. And then too telling me I
20 need to go to my side so I can - - so I can get
21 the blood out of it. - - wouldn't go to the
22 side and spit it out and sit back up. That was
23 pretty much what happened. - - after that.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Yeah, I just want to
25 talk a couple of things we didn't talk about

1 last night. - - didn't hit on about Joyce
2 Mitchell. You said there was never anything
3 between you and her?

4 MR. SWEAT: No, we never had, there was--
5 there were [BACKGROUND NOISE].

6 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

7 MR. SWEAT: [BACKGROUND NOISE] you know, I
8 wouldn't have [BACKGROUND NOISE].

9 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

10 MR. SWEAT: You know? She [BACKGROUND
11 NOISE] until the last night, yeah. And Matt was
12 okay with that. Oh yeah he likes you - -, blah,
13 blah, blah. I said--

14 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] oh okay.

15 MR. SWEAT: You got a little - - fantasy
16 there.

17 MALE VOICE #1: Oh okay.

18 MR. SWEAT: - - is nuts. It's this - - she
19 said no.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Did she take any naked
21 pictures of herself and giving them to you or
22 something like that?

23 MR. SWEAT: - - I think so. I did, I did
24 receive two from her. I threw them out. I
25 didn't - -. It was all just to get the stuff

1 from her.

2 MALE VOICE #1: So, it was all just part of
3 the plan?

4 MR. SWEAT: That she's, she's, she has
5 proof.

6 MALE VOICE #1: So, I just want to go back
7 to the--well the other thing is I know obviously
8 Joyce helped you. You say Gene didn't help you?

9 MR. SWEAT: No, he didn't want to.

10 MALE VOICE #1: I mean he did but
11 unknowingly?

12 MR. SWEAT: He had no idea. He had no clue.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Is there anyone else that we
14 should be concerned about that's in, that's
15 dirty? You know what I mean?

16 MR. SWEAT: No, it was just her.

17 MALE VOICE #1: It was just her? All right.
18 'Cause I mean if there's someone dirty that
19 shouldn't be in there, then you wouldn't be
20 narcing them out. I mean that's something that-
21 -

22 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] well, yeah I
23 would. I mean you know.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Would you tell us if there
25 was somebody else in there that we should know

1 about that helped you out?

2 MR. SWEAT: No, I mean there's nobody else
3 that helped us out.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. So, as far as like--
5 how long did it take you to get through that
6 cell, your cell wall?

7 MR. SWEAT: Shit, a couple of weeks, three,
8 four weeks - -.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. And you started up in
10 like January or so you thought?

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. And - -.

12 MALE VOICE #1: How long did it take Matt to
13 get through?

14 MR. SWEAT: It took him a couple more weeks
15 than I did. You know, his cell had to be - -.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah, getting through?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

18 MALE VOICE #1: I'm trying to think. So,
19 when you got down in the, you got through your
20 cell and you got down in the catwalks, and you
21 were exploring and stuff like. I heard a story
22 that you found one toolbox and then you were
23 coming back to that and then you got pissed
24 because it was gone. Another day you came back
25 and it was gone. Is that true?

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, it was there--well what
2 happened we find a toolbox 'cause it, you know,
3 it had what we needed there. The sledgehammer
4 was there and there was a, we used that first.
5 At first there was nothing in the toolbox. For
6 whatever, I decided after I got through, you
7 know, the brick walls to try it again. So I put
8 that we needed a chainsaw. So I - - being, an
9 itemized list on the wall, the whole - -.

10 MALE VOICE #1: Oh okay.

11 MR. SWEAT: I'm hoping that that stuff
12 wasn't in there. So, I said - - all that stuff
13 was there. At that time I was already trying to
14 get my way through the wall, through the
15 concrete wall with - -. I mean I - - and stuff,
16 you know, a two pound sledgehammer. I borrowed
17 this punch until I broke it. I - - punch.
18 Okay, okay that's fine. I put the hammer back,
19 a small hammer.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Is that why she brought you,
21 what was the deal with the star punch that she
22 brought you guys? Well, they called it a star
23 punch. To me it sounded like it was star bit,
24 like a--

25 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] it was, it was a

1 MR. SWEAT: That was actually - - backpack
2 - -.

3 MALE VOICE #1: That brings me into another
4 question, not to keep on - - around, did she
5 ever buy you guys those LED like glasses with
6 lights on them or--

7 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] oh painter's
8 glasses.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: We got those for any of that
11 other stuff.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Was that really for painting
13 then?

14 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, yeah.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Oh, okay. I figured that
16 would be so you could see what you're doing in
17 the tunnels or--

18 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] no, that was, that
19 was, we actually got that for--

20 MALE VOICE #1: --so that was legit.

21 MR. SWEAT: Right.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. All right, so, so you
23 did, you found a headlamp.

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

25 MALE VOICE #1: You found the toolbox.

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Headlamp - - asbestos
2 mask.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

4 MR. SWEAT: The - - was moving around a lot
5 of fiberglass and - -.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

7 MR. SWEAT: It was bad enough I was getting
8 it all over my skin. I'm trying to think what
9 else I took from there. I think that's all
10 took.

11 MALE VOICE #1: We found a couple of
12 different fans. Like Joyce had a fan under her
13 desk and they said, oh that's an inmate fan.

14 MR. SWEAT: They all do that - -. The um,
15 Seabearings [phonetic] and Sierras, there's an
16 inmate that gets down - - puts a fan in. I
17 never used that fan.

18 MALE VOICE #1: They just it for--just cause
19 it's hot in there?

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. If somebody's going to
21 jump - - and there's a fan there, that's when
22 the fan usually comes out.

23 MALE VOICE #1: Have you heard of people
24 trying to modify fans to turn it into a cutting
25 tool?

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, for, for, - - probably.

2 MALE VOICE #1: So you guys didn't try any
3 of that?

4 MR. SWEAT: No 'cause the motors aren't
5 strong enough.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. There was a fan found
7 down in the tunnels too, which had, I think they
8 said it was a like an eight inch cut out of the
9 face. It looked like it was--

10 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] I had two fans
11 down there. One was, I think the old one was
12 down there was because it was so hot, the steam
13 pipes were on when I first started - -. So, I
14 took that down there so I wouldn't sweat so
15 much. And I didn't have to drink so much water.
16 And once they turned the steam pipes off I cut
17 the pipe out and there's no way you could draw
18 on the pipe and work in the pipe without some
19 kind of ventilation. So what--

20 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] oh.

21 MR. SWEAT: --I bought a new, I bought a new
22 fan, took a couple of garbage bags, made a tube
23 out of it, so that when I crawled down, I could
24 pull a tube behind me.

25 MALE VOICE #1: So that's what that big long

1 tube was behind the fan?

2 MR. SWEAT: Now the air's flowing in.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

4 MR. SWEAT: You get fresh air through the
5 pipe like that.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Did, when, by the
7 time Matt got down there, did you have all the
8 cuts done already or no?

9 MR. SWEAT: He went down with me twice. If
10 I'm going to take him coming down with us was
11 too much for me. I would have got nothing done.
12 'Cause I'd have to help him back up and that - -
13 , so. He went down twice just to see - - 'cause
14 he would always complain about shit. So I said,
15 why don't you come down with me? So he could
16 see what I was going through and every thing
17 else. And then - - I understand, my apologies.
18 You know, I didn't realize you, you had to go
19 through all that shit. After that he asked a
20 couple of times. I told him, "I'm not taking
21 you down till I'm done 'cause it's too much work
22 and I don't get nothing done."

23 MALE VOICE #1: Right, exactly. Okay. You
24 got moved out of your cell, was that when you
25 got kicked out of Taylor One, the first time?

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

2 MALE VOICE #1: So they made you move cells?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE #1: How did you get back to that
5 same exact cell?

6 MR. SWEAT: Just asked them.

7 MALE VOICE #1: But you hadn't started your
8 work then yet, right?

9 MR. SWEAT: No, no. I didn't get me back to
10 that cell until after I started back in
11 industry.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: Which was one of the reason
14 coming back from the - -.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

16 MR. SWEAT: So, if it was in A block it was
17 only two and a half companies industry. And I
18 got back and I asked they would most likely
19 bring me back up there.

20 MALE VOICE #1: So you didn't have a hole
21 started already or any of that?

22 MR. SWEAT: No, no, no.

23 MALE VOICE #1: You hadn't even started yet?

24 MR. SWEAT: I hadn't even started yet.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. I had another

1 question about that too. How did you and Matt
2 meet, I guess? I mean did you request to get
3 next to Matt for a specific reason or you--

4 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] eventually I did
5 because we're both painters.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

7 MR. SWEAT: I seen him painting with the--I
8 hadn't, I wasn't a painter yet.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

10 MR. SWEAT: But I do a little art and
11 drawing and stuff like that. When I did a
12 painting it was the part that you use to - -
13 stretch a painting.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

15 MR. SWEAT: And I seen it and I was amazed.
16 I said, "Man, I'd like to try that." So I
17 talked to him about it and he helped me get, you
18 know, paintings and stuff like that.

19 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

20 MR. SWEAT: And then eventually I got next
21 to him. I started doing paintings and
22 everything.

23 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

24 MR. SWEAT: And really got into it. That's
25 how we developed our friendship. And we just

1 did paintings.

2 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. That makes sense.

3 What was I going to say about him? I had
4 another question about Matt too. It will come
5 to me. Do you know what made him decide to want
6 to break out? Had he, had he been talking about
7 it for a long time?

8 MR. SWEAT: I think it was just, you know,
9 the amount of time. He didn't want to die in
10 prison. Nobody does.

11 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

12 MR. SWEAT: I think that's all because he
13 just wanted to get out and be free. He'd read
14 about his - -. And I'm trying to break through
15 the wall for him.

16 MALE VOICE #1: So, how long had you known
17 him before he came to you with this?

18 MR. SWEAT: It had been a few years.

19 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. So he, I was going
20 say, he had to trust you to, to bring that up.

21 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Well, everybody knows,
22 you know, you can tell me something, I'm not
23 going to tell anybody else.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

25 MR. SWEAT: Any conversation he had with me-

1 -

2 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] yeah--

3 MR. SWEAT: --that's for me.

4 MALE VOICE #1: So, he knew that, so. How
5 did the rounds work at nighttime?

6 MR. SWEAT: Such a joke.

7 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

8 MR. SWEAT: The guy's an asshole who works
9 the nighttime. So we had to clear. We burned
10 him, when we wanted to leave specifically and he
11 - -.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Was it--

13 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] because he'd walk,
14 you know, you knew the countdown.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

16 MR. SWEAT: And the guy would walk - - 11:30
17 and like every single fucking person out at
18 11:30 if I smack or I was making move around.
19 And then he wouldn't walk no more. The same guy
20 who broke the ice machine 'cause it kept waking
21 him up. We didn't care about him. We didn't -
22 -.

23 MALE VOICE #1: So you actually kind of
24 planned on his night just to be in--

25 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] oh yeah.

1 MALE VOICE #1: Do you remember who that,
2 what his name was? I mean I know we talked to
3 him but--

4 MR. SWEAT: - -

5 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Was there two guys
6 that night that work together or just the one
7 guy usually?

8 MR. SWEAT: He, no there's always one - -.
9 'Cause I'd seen, a couple of times I'd actually
10 seen - -. I was calmly moving through, you
11 know. - - leave with him and the two I think
12 are worth - -. He would always do the rounds on
13 our - -.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

15 MR. SWEAT: He went there with a flashlight
16 and banged on their feet, 11:30 at night people
17 trying to go to sleep.

18 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

19 MR. SWEAT: - - come back around again at -
20 -.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. So that's how you
22 knew you were good to go?

23 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. I always quit, I mean I
24 made extra two-thirds of my - -.

25 MALE VOICE #1: I heard that there was one

1 in there. I don't know is it a special one?

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, they bring in at their - -
3 Woody Allen. If they tried to - - to me it
4 looked like I was holding on, you know, I was
5 all covered up, but it - - holding on to the
6 shift.

7 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. I haven't heard that
8 but I have to see the pictures, so. I mean can
9 you think of anything else? I'm just trying to
10 make sure I don't miss anything.

11 MALE VOICE #2: Last night you talked about
12 you were in the hospital too. You said you had
13 gotten into the hospital at some point.

14 MR. SWEAT: Oh yeah, the new hospital. I
15 didn't go in the hospital. There was an access
16 door that runs along side of the pipes that's
17 real - - with the door. I went in there. It
18 isn't nice to go into hospital there's nothing
19 in there. It was just part of where I was
20 exploring, trying to find a new way out. 'Cause
21 at first we were looking for like a sewer or
22 something. 'Cause you can't really block the
23 sewer up. It may be too wide to cross.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Matt, he did some, he's had
25 some medical problems or something like that

1 when he was in? He was being treated for his
2 back or something?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah he was having a pinched
4 nerve in his lower back.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Was that real or--

6 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] oh yeah, it was
7 real.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: But it had gone away before. It
10 actually was, he had it while we were working.
11 I told him, I said, you better get your shit
12 together 'cause if that shit ain't working when
13 we leave, I said, I'm not leaving you.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum, yeah right. So, he
15 got even more ahead.

16 MR. SWEAT: But it went away.

17 MALE VOICE #1: So did that become an issue
18 once you guys got out or not really?

19 MR. SWEAT: No that was, it went away and
20 never came back.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Well, that's good.

22 MR. SWEAT: That's the most - - is to - -.

23 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. And just going along
24 the line with medication, pills and stuff.

25 There's, we heard a story that Matt gave some

1 pills to Joyce to give to Lyle to kill him.

2 MR. SWEAT: Not to kill him, to put him to
3 sleep.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Do you know what kind
5 of pills those were or how it, how he got them
6 or--

7 MR. SWEAT: I don't remember. I think he
8 bought them from somebody.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: - - put them in her mouth and -
11 - them in.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: It's got to get - -. It was to
14 put him to sleep so she could, she could read
15 'cause she kept having to follow him. She
16 called him the Grinch. Oh you guys got to get
17 rid of the Grinch, this and that.

18 MALE VOICE #1: That's what she called him?

19 MR. SWEAT: Actually called him the Grinch,
20 her husband.

21 MALE VOICE #1: 'Cause she says, she says,
22 she says you guys used to call him that.

23 MR. SWEAT: No. That's all her. That was
24 all her.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause me and, me and Matt had
2 a lot of conversations about that, you know. I
3 told him, I said, "Bro, she's just trying to
4 play us right now in order to get us to do
5 that." 'Cause she's been trying to get us to do
6 it in the facility before we left.

7 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

8 MR. SWEAT: Can't do, I'm not--

9 MALE VOICE #1: She wanted you to kill him
10 in the facility?

11 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Oh, you got to get rid of
12 him. Oh I hate him. He, and he's kind of, I
13 like him. I got along with [REDACTED] great. But he
14 did some - - kind of shit too. Their, their
15 last anniversary, which was this year, he went
16 and brought her to like Burger King or something
17 like that for her anniversary.

18 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

19 MR. SWEAT: What the hell was that. But you
20 know, we had no, no one touched what so ever.
21 We had been planning to - -. Although there
22 hadn't been a public time like Matt was the
23 right - -. If she'd just been straight up about
24 it. Listen, we'll get you free, if you, if you
25 kill my husband, instead of trying to beat

1 around the bush and all the little bullshit
2 that - -. I wouldn't have done it. I would
3 have done it.

4 MALE VOICE #1: That's what Matt said?

5 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah? Where were you guys--
7 I know you said you were going to try to get to
8 Mexico, but how was that going to work, do you
9 know?

10 MR. SWEAT: Well, the plan was she was
11 supposed to pick us up when we came out the
12 tunnel and then just drive us. We were going to
13 go somewhere and inside West Virginia up in the
14 mountains.

15 MALE VOICE #1: She, she kept saying you
16 guys were going to go to some place that starts
17 with a "B". Do you know anything about that?
18 Okay. But, so you were just going to go drive
19 as far south--

20 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] we never, we never
21 told her 'cause I didn't trust anybody.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

23 MR. SWEAT: - -

24 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

25 MR. SWEAT: So, I told him, I said, "Don't

1 ever tell her where we're going or what the
2 plan really is."

3 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

4 MR. SWEAT: And he did a little bit and
5 wasn't supposed to. If I'd had been - - was
6 Mexico. We were going to drive - -. Hell we
7 weren't supposed to tell anybody our shit. But
8 the plan was, you know, go to West, West
9 Virginia, lay low for a while.

10 MALE VOICE #1: What was in West Virginia?

11 MR. SWEAT: A shit load of mountains.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Oh okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: So when we get down to West
14 Virginia we can just go in the mountains
15 somewhere.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: We figured with her and food and
18 money, you know, we could buy enough supplies
19 for several weeks or at least hang out and hide
20 for a little bit.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

22 MR. SWEAT: And then once everything cools
23 off, we'll find ways to get money.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

25 MR. SWEAT: And leave him out the - - with

1 the - - to get money for stuff. And then once
2 we had enough money, we were going to drive out,
3 right down into Mexico. We had clothes where we
4 cross over last time or we could go back.

5 MALE VOICE #1: She's going to try to cross
6 in that same spot?

7 MR. SWEAT: Probably cross in that same.

8 MALE VOICE #1: So just drive as far down as
9 you can and then just--

10 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] well, he had a
11 free--he pretty much had a safe place where we
12 can - - the - - and meet people and everything
13 else and we would be safe. 'Cause there's, you
14 know, there's police down in - - a very specific
15 town or something, the police and everybody - -
16 'cause it's cartel - - and shit.

17 MALE VOICE #1: So, he really, so you think
18 he really did have some cartel connection?

19 MR. SWEAT: Oh yeah, I know that. I do
20 actually.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

22 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

23 MALE VOICE #1: And he was, he was a Spanish
24 speaker?

25 MR. SWEAT: Oh fluently.

1 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah?

2 MR. SWEAT: Better than most Mexicans.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Did you speak any Spanish?

4 MR. SWEAT: Not a lick.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

6 MR. SWEAT: So I needed him as much as he
7 needed me.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah, that makes sense.

9 MR. SWEAT: That's why, you know, another
10 reason why he got out. He was head of that - -.

11 MALE VOICE #1: Right.

12 MR. SWEAT: That's why after - - set aside.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Yep. I'm trying to think if
14 there's any other questions.

15 MALE VOICE #2: Did you feel pretty
16 comfortable like going through the woods and
17 seeing you had--

18 MR. SWEAT: Oh yeah I--

19 [CROSSTALK]

20 MALE VOICE #2: --that was something you
21 were used to?

22 MR. SWEAT: It was actually kind of a
23 running joke between him because on the radio
24 they're like, oh they're not woodsmen, this and
25 that. And we'd laugh about it. It's funny

1 we're not woodsmen and we've been in the woods
2 for weeks.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

4 MR. SWEAT: They can't catch us. But we're
5 not woodsmen.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Right.

7 MALE VOICE #2: I mean when we was--

8 [CROSSTALK]

9 MR. SWEAT: I mean, you know, for whatever
10 reason I've always kind been an exception to
11 things. I've learned quick. It doesn't take me
12 much to understand something and I know woods
13 for the most part. I know--

14 [CROSSTALK]

15 MALE VOICE #2: to - -?

16 MR. SWEAT: Yeah I know, you know, there's
17 certain things that you can - - of and certain
18 ones you can't. We had food. If I had to I
19 probably could have foraged for some. - - had
20 to. But yeah it was a running joke because we
21 weren't woodsmen but we were living in the woods
22 for weeks. We hit a couple of bad ones where we
23 got stuck outside. There was, there was one day
24 it was raining and it was so cold that we about
25 froze to death. If I had found a, had hindsight

1 to grab an emergency foil blanket with that,
2 coupled with a couple of - - wrapped ourselves
3 around it and used the - - under the foil to - -
4 and I actually put the meat up on - -. So, we
5 were already soaking wet, but it was just
6 enough--

7 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] enough to keep
8 you--

9 MR. SWEAT: --to take the edge off and - -
10 and shivering.

11 MALE VOICE #2: Better - -?

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah it was, it was fairly early
13 on. Probably back to probably a week and a half
14 or maybe a week.

15 MALE VOICE #1: How many, how many nights do
16 you think you spent out in the elements, not - -
17 ?

18 MR. SWEAT: It was quite a few times.

19 MALE VOICE #1: Okay, I wasn't sure.

20 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. Well, we would find a lot
21 of times we would find deer. Like we would
22 listen to the radio so we would know it was
23 going to rain. So as we're walking, we would
24 look for deer hides and things like that. You
25 know, it's going to rain, we've got to find a

1 place to stay or build some sort of shelter so
2 we could stay dry. It didn't always work out.
3 But most of the time it did.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Did you guys ever have a
5 campfire or anything like that?

6 MR. SWEAT: Oh yeah we had campfires a
7 couple of times until I realized what you guys
8 were doing at night. You got it, once you--
9 'cause in the beginning you weren't flying
10 planes or choppers at night. Once the first
11 time I heard a plane circle around at night, I
12 told him, I said we can't do any campfires. I
13 said, they're looking for a campfire. I said,
14 that's why the planes are out.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

16 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause they're not looking,
17 they're not going to chase you. They're doing -
18 - in the middle of the night through the woods.
19 So if they've got planes up, then they're
20 looking for campfires. So I said, we can't do
21 any more.

22 MALE VOICE #2: Did you try and disguise it
23 at all? - - the campfire?

24 MR. SWEAT: No, no, no 'cause a lot of times
25 it don't work. The problem with campfires you

1 can see campfire miles away. You could be two
2 mountains over and you'd still hear it - - in
3 the haze, they'll be able to see that any - -.

4 MALE VOICE #2: So where did you first - -
5 family didn't you cover in the--

6 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] yeah in the
7 beginning, cause a lot of times when you're
8 lighting campfires there was no, there was no
9 choppers or anything, airplanes at night. So, I
10 remember - - search and fly and we were so far
11 into the woods that if anybody would have seen
12 it, they would figure I was a camper or probably
13 - - working on his new hide or something. So,
14 we weren't too really worried about it.

15 MALE VOICE #2: You said you found deer and
16 deer hide that you used as some sort of - -.

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah hide.

18 MALE VOICE #2: Deer hides, okay why - -?

19 MR. SWEAT: They're around - - and we'd find
20 something to insulate yourself. But you know
21 you have roofs on them. They're dry. You don't
22 want to spend the night unless there was going
23 to be - -.

24 MALE VOICE #2: About the messages that - -
25 in the journal - -.

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah there was just, that was
2 it, you know, have a nice day. We just thought
3 it was funny. 'Cause it gets miserable, for you
4 to be - - is an exceptionally miserable place
5 and you've got to really--what I hate is the, I
6 can't be myself in prison. I have to be some
7 asshole with a facade on so that I don't have to
8 worry about stupid ass White kids or gang
9 members and all that other shit. So, hey, you
10 know, it's, it's really bad. So there was my
11 way of saying, okay, now all these years of
12 hiding I'm miserable 'cause now it's your turn.
13 So have a nice day. And being treated like shit
14 by COs and everything else for absolutely no
15 reason other than being an inmate. I'm not an
16 asshole. I'm a nice guy. For them to treat me
17 like that it really - - thing. So, that was my
18 kind of what if - - like the guy waking me up
19 every night. All right now here's a - - for my,
20 for my - - and I'm escaping on your night. So
21 now you can kiss my ass.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Was [REDACTED] coming to pick
23 you guys up?

24 MR. SWEAT: No. No, I wouldn't even ask
25 him. If you check, if you call my call records

1 and stuff, - -, you'll see that I stopped
 2 contacting with pretty much everybody several
 3 months before--

4 MALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] yeah--

5 MR. SWEAT: --I left. And that was because
 6 I didn't want anybody to think that that anybody
 7 I knew was involved or had any idea that we were
 8 going to be involved.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

10 MR. SWEAT: And that was also my way of
 11 getting mentally in my mind that once I leave,
 12 that's it. All these people I can't contact
 13 them. I can't talk to then.

14 MALE VOICE #1: So you were kind of
 15 distancing yourself, getting ready for it. That
 16 makes sense. Yeah, I mean I, I didn't get that
 17 feeling from [REDACTED] either, that he, it was a
 18 coincidence '[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

20 MR. SWEAT: Oh yeah?

21 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. He just happened to
 22 be in the area.

23 MR. SWEAT: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

24 MALE VOICE #1: Yep, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1 ■■■■■■■■■■. So, we're like, we looked at him
2 hard.

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah - -.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah we look at him hard and
5 we're like--

6 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] and ■■■■■■■■■■
7 ■■■■■■■■■■.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah, exactly.

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. So, I would never ask him
10 and I would never put him in that type of
11 predicament. No, I could never do that - -.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Did Matt distance himself
13 too from--

14 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] from the--

15 MALE VOICE #1: --he's got, he's got family
16 out in ■■■■■■■■■■?

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah he's got his daughter and
18 stuff. Not really, I mean he, he told me that
19 he wrote a letter a couple of years back. She
20 wouldn't understand till after he was - -.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

22 MR. SWEAT: - -

23 MALE VOICE #1: He didn't say what was in it
24 or anything?

25 MR. SWEAT: No it was, it was, he's, he's a

1 little, a little shy. You know - - special
2 breed of people and some other crazy stuff he
3 wrote. But nothing about, you know, an escape.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum. Cell phones, do you
5 have, do you or him have a cell phone?

6 MR. SWEAT: We had talked about it, our
7 getting cell phones. But you know the
8 technology now, it's very cheap. You know, they
9 might have, we don't know what to do anyhow. So
10 they might have a cell phone in Texas within the
11 security system, say. You could always, if you
12 actually turn that cell phone and use that to
13 mark someone. There's a cell phone in the
14 facility. So we decided not to do that.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Do you know [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]?

17 MR. SWEAT: - -

18 MALE VOICE #1: I was going to say, I don't
19 know his--

20 MR. SWEAT: He was [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

21 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

22 MR. SWEAT: Yes.

23 MALE VOICE #1: There was a night where Matt
24 says, "Hey man, I know you heard me talking on
25 my cell phone." You know anything about that?

1 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, he was busting his
2 balls.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

4 MR. SWEAT: He was going to tell him.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Okay and get him a bunch of
6 stuff, get him just a flat screen TV or
7 something?

8 MR. SWEAT: I don't know - -.

9 MALE VOICE #1: So he was just busting his
10 balls like that?

11 MR. SWEAT: Well 'cause he had, at one point
12 he had - - saw him for whatever reason and--
13 'cause he hadn't gone to - -. And he says,
14 "Well, what the hell were you doing over there?
15 It sounded like you were drawing something."
16 Oh, yeah, yeah we were cutting up our canvases
17 to make them smaller. Was his excuse. I said,
18 I hope you were doing them, so he threw some,
19 busting his balls about things.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Oh okay.

21 MR. SWEAT: To throw him off a little bit.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah, I got you. Did you
23 ever tell anybody, "Oh yeah, my toilet was
24 acting up." Or, "We're trying to fix the
25 toilet." Or--

1 MR. SWEAT: No.

2 MALE VOICE #1: Nothing like that?

3 MR. SWEAT: No.

4 MALE VOICE #1: That was another story I
5 heard was somebody heard some noise coming form
6 the cells and, hey what the heck was that? Oh,
7 I was, I think our toilet is acting up, acting
8 funny or something. Maybe he said that to
9 somebody.

10 MR. SWEAT: No, I don't know.

11 MALE VOICE #1: All right.

12 MALE VOICE #2: If I understand when you
13 got, she said everybody's too close to - - like
14 you want to talk to your daughter for one thing?

15 MR. SWEAT: I need - - standard facility.

16 MALE VOICE #2: Yeah.

17 MR. SWEAT: Not really. There's the, you
18 know, 'cause there's a lot, there's an IT
19 investigation and everything between - -. But
20 just, you know, I told him, you know, just tell
21 her to - - stop 'cause she goes, kept coming
22 over to his - - all the time, always. Oh, I
23 don't want to. Well, we'll stay for this.
24 We'll stay for that. 'Cause he was flaky, oh
25 yeah he loves you, this and that, you know. Oh,

1 what do I got to do to get him back? What do
2 I got to do to get my boy back? Who do I got to
3 blow to get him back in here? And, and you'll
4 find that she's pretty promiscuous amongst, you
5 know, everybody knows that. And she ended up
6 blowing Matt and turn around and she said I have
7 to, how do I do that?

8 MALE VOICE #2: You were at this--

9 MR. SWEAT: She told - -.

10 MALE VOICE #2: He said she's 43 - - in the
11 beginning of this - -.

12 MR. SWEAT: No, no, no it was outside of the
13 facility. I think Matt was the first person was
14 - - that she had - - she knew him.

15 MALE VOICE #2: From outside?

16 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah, he always talked about
17 it. Oh, you find the handle bar and get
18 yourself a blow job in the bathroom. That's
19 while her husband is always at the front of - -
20 wanting to know where she was, what's she's
21 doing, where's she going. Keeping tight tabs on
22 her. You know you only do that if you don't
23 trust them, you don't trust your wife. So, was
24 it meaningful because she's promiscuous.

25 MALE VOICE #2: When you were out, how many

1 times would you say that you saw the police
2 officers or law enforcement personnel. Not, not
3 including like places on the path, like actual
4 people?

5 MR. SWEAT: I know quite a few times, quite
6 a few times. No face to face, like they never
7 seen us.

8 MALE VOICE #2: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: But, you know, we're there - - I
10 could actually see in their squad car, you know
11 or the truck that they were in. You know,
12 scanning the area. It was different things like
13 that. Quite, quite, a few times. It was in,
14 but that's because, you know, they're running up
15 and down the roads, I assume looking for any
16 kind of human trail, just coming off the road
17 into the bush, trying to decide, you know, going
18 into the trees. 'Cause it leaves a more
19 distinctive mark, a human does than - - like a
20 deer. 'Cause deer they hide and they run to the
21 bush. Humans drag their feet, stomp everything
22 to hell.

23 MALE VOICE #2: Did, was that more at night,
24 during the day that you would see them out?

25 MR. SWEAT: A little bit of both, a little

1 bit of both. Sometimes we wouldn't sit too
2 far from a road and these - - going through
3 somewhere. We seen them go off in - -, you
4 know, they'd slow down and look through the
5 woods. But we were in camo gear. So we weren't
6 really talking and seen.

7 MALE VOICE #1: And that's stuff that you
8 found or did--

9 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] yeah.

10 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

11 MR. SWEAT: Picked up here and there.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Did you ever see stationary
13 guys standing around the road? Just standing
14 there?

15 MR. SWEAT: No.

16 MALE VOICE #1: No? Okay. But one time you
17 said you thought a sheriff or somebody saw you
18 when you guys split up.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yes, that was at Mountain View
20 when we got off the, each side of the way. I
21 don't know, maybe he just saw movement in the
22 woods. He stopped the truck and backed it up a
23 little bit. When he passed me by he was in tan
24 camo.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: And I wasn't sure if he seen
2 us or not. But I didn't want to take the
3 chance. I told Matt, I said, "Listen, I saw the
4 sheriff." I said, "The guy's in Camo." I said,
5 "He's going up behind the truck." I said, "He
6 might be trying to circle around us." I said,
7 "We got to go." And he was moving all slow but
8 never really with any speed you know and that
9 was that. He didn't have the will or the
10 determination to - -, so I left him. I just
11 kept going 'cause I wasn't getting caught.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Was Matt sick from drinking-
13 -I know you're good with the, with the water and
14 you picked out the right kind of water and
15 stuff, but did he--

16 MR. SWEAT: No, he depended on me to
17 survive.

18 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Yeah, cause he
19 doesn't have any skills, so.

20 MR. SWEAT: None at all. He depended on me
21 to survive both for calorie intake, you know,
22 knowing how much you can get away with eating
23 and what you can't.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

25 MR. SWEAT: He always depended on me for

1 that, for the water, you know, what creeks you
2 could drink out of - -.

3 MALE VOICE #1: We kept finding Matt's
4 underwear. He left them behind a few times. Do
5 you know anything about that?

6 MR. SWEAT: I know I left a couple of pair
7 'cause they'd get nasty.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

9 MR. SWEAT: Due to - -. Yeah, I don't know
10 what he did with his. I would change mine when
11 we were in the middle of nowhere.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

13 MR. SWEAT: So, and I'd always pick up dirt
14 and put it underneath it and cover it with dirt
15 and leaves.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

17 MR. SWEAT: I would sprinkle pepper all over
18 it.

19 MALE VOICE #2: What type - - did you have?

20 MR. SWEAT: We would, we'd find it in
21 different spots.

22 MALE VOICE #1: So, you didn't pack it with
23 you on your--

24 MR. SWEAT: We had comforters.

25 MALE VOICE #1: What do you mean?

1 MR. SWEAT: - - I, I had this right in the
2 yard, these four, there's probably been a few -
3 - come in sets and they'll catch us with pepper
4 - -. So then once you know sprinkle everything.
5 So we dumped all the pepper we had.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Oh, so when you got out you,
7 originally you planned on it, but you didn't
8 have any when you left?

9 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause what we were going to do
10 was, we were going to paper ourselves,
11 everything on ourself we would cover in pepper
12 and then a person stopped us. Said you couldn't
13 use it for the dogs, the dogs for the scent.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

15 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause once a handler finds out
16 you've got pepper he's not letting his dog out.

17 MALE VOICE #1: When you talk about that,
18 the riot or the fight.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Did, did people know that
21 was coming?

22 MR. SWEAT: No. No, I think that just
23 happened.

24 MALE VOICE #1: 'Cause a lot of inmates were
25 saying, they were saying, hey this place is

1 going to be locked down in a few days. So,
2 you're probably not going to hear from me for a
3 couple of days.

4 MR. SWEAT: No, I said that to somebody.

5 MALE VOICE #1: You said that to somebody?

6 MR. SWEAT: I said that to someone.

7 MALE VOICE #1: Who did you say that to?

8 MR. SWEAT: An associate of mine that I had
9 known for quite a few years. He used to be
10 really bad and I got out - - his shit. And he
11 ended up straightening his life out. He got
12 married and everything. So, I was just giving
13 him a head's up.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Someone who is on the
15 outside or--

16 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] no, no on the
17 inside.

18 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. He's an inmate?

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah and I just told him - -
20 'cause he was talking about him going out this
21 weekend. It will be us missing. Just me and
22 you, tell - - you're not doing nothing this
23 weekend. I said, there's some stuff going on
24 and you're going to be locked up probably this
25 weekend. So, plan on going out and - -. He

1 knew not to ask too many questions. Hey I'm
2 just, okay, if that's what you say, then that's
3 what's happening.

4 MALE VOICE #1: So you weren't talking about
5 the fight. You were talking about the--

6 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] right.

7 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. Okay. Yeah I just, I
8 didn't know if that was a thing where, I guess I
9 had heard that. So I was wondering where that
10 came from.

11 MR. SWEAT: - -

12 MALE VOICE #1: That makes sense. Did you
13 tell anyone, give anyone else any kind of heads
14 up or--

15 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] no.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Just that one guy? And so
17 between you, Matt and Joyce, no, anyone else
18 have a clue at all?

19 MR. SWEAT: That was, that was very
20 important. I stressed it to both of them all
21 the time. Nobody else can know. Nobody else
22 can have a clue. They didn't have any idea.
23 'Cause the more people that know, the more
24 chance you're taking.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Right, definitely.

1 MR. SWEAT: The risk - -.

2 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

3 MALE VOICE #2: The other, you know given
4 that Joyce is so, so - - herself, any other
5 friend when you got out if didn't come to work?

6 MR. SWEAT: No. Well, see I'm, like I was
7 saying yesterday, you know, - - I had a habit
8 with - - and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and one of their, you
9 know, a model inmate like - - didn't even
10 inspect us. Plan for the worse, hope for the
11 best and improvise when necessary. So, that's
12 what I always do. So, I was planning for
13 everything to turn. I would expect it to be
14 messed up and plan for it to be messed up.
15 Hopefully - -. And then she wasn't there, which
16 I kind of figured towards the right to the
17 hospital when she was supposed to pick us up.
18 They come back and I was like she didn't leave a
19 note or nothing. He said, no. And she's acting
20 funny. I said, all right. It's going to be
21 whatever it's going to be. And I figured we're
22 leaving early enough anyway that I'm quick and
23 then being up in the middle of nowhere late,
24 late at night. Ain't nobody going to pay no
25 attention. So we--

1 MALE VOICE #2: [Interposing] she left you
2 to go out with [REDACTED] - -?

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

4 MALE VOICE #1: You said you popped out
5 right about midnight on the dot, you thought?

6 MR. SWEAT: 12:00 by the time we left.

7 MALE VOICE #1: That's when you popped out
8 of the manhole?

9 MR. SWEAT: Yeah 'cause I told her, I said,
10 "You've got to be there at 12:00, midnight,
11 straight on the dot." I said, "I'm not coming
12 out before then." I said, "As soon as it hits
13 12:00, I'm coming out."

14 MALE VOICE #1: Did you have a watch or--

15 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] yeah I did.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

17 MALE VOICE #2: How long did you wait, you
18 know, wait there for her? Do you remember - -?

19 MR. SWEAT: Well, what happened was, when we
20 came up at 12:00, we got there, we got to the
21 manhole cover about 11:35, which was good 'cause
22 we needed, we both needed a breather 'cause it's
23 quite a ways to go. So, we came out, we popped
24 out at 12:00 and just as we come out the
25 manhole, put the cover on and started walking

1 out of the street onto the sidewalk. It's
2 kind of a big, great big place there. And this
3 is ten miles back, runs into the light out
4 there. I said, "Yo, what are you doing?" The
5 guys, the guys are going to see us. The guys
6 are going to see us. I'm nervous like a
7 criminal would be. So, the guy sees him doing
8 it. The guy comes running around over to the
9 back of the building. I said, come on you
10 stupid ass. I said, "Walk to the street. Walk
11 in the street. Walk outside." So he followed
12 behind me and the guy come out, hey what are you
13 fucking scumbags doing in my yard. Oh, a hard
14 day at work. We're just passing, passing
15 through. I said, we're on the wrong street.
16 And so he kept walking.

17 What I ended up doing was I walked from that
18 street to where the firehouse driveway is and
19 then back just to see if maybe she showed up
20 late or something. She wasn't there. I said,
21 well it looks like we're on foot. He said, well
22 where do we go? I said, don't worry about it.
23 Go this way. So, we went part way up to the - -
24 we turned 237, 234?

25 MALE VOICE #1: 274.

1 MR. SWEAT: 274.

2 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

3 MR. SWEAT: And then as soon as we went up
4 that, got across the, the first, we took that
5 first - - and then just started up, started - -.
6 Kept walking until some more, until he said, - -
7 . I said, I don't know why are you out in the
8 middle of the road? We're in the fast row of
9 cars. Well a car would come past with
10 headlights. You know, where you could see them
11 at nighttime coming up - -. So, when they get
12 closer, just tuck in toward the - - on the road.
13 - - over the fucking, two criminals - - road.

14 At that point I had the tee shirt on. I had
15 more clothes in the bag. I had a sweater and a
16 hoodie, extra socks, extra underwear. I had a
17 tee shirt. I had room to make one sign with the
18 - - strapped across my back in case I threw my
19 clothes in there. So, if someone drove by - -,
20 you know, someone's probably just walking home
21 from their friend's house or something.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

23 MALE VOICE #2: - - seen?

24 MR. SWEAT: He, he, right, he had me make
25 him some. And being that's it dark, you really

1 can't tell what the pants are anyway. He was
2 carrying a little - - bag. I made a little bag
3 in the shop with some stuff in it and clothes
4 and clothes and stuff. So - - had the stuff
5 'cause everybody's always expecting you to look
6 all scrappy and they got the bad - - forever.

7 MALE VOICE #2: You said that you picked a
8 night when one particular CO was on duty.

9 MR. SWEAT: Yes.

10 MALE VOICE #2: How, how much earlier could
11 you have gone out if you wanted to?

12 MR. SWEAT: Actually I hadn't - - I
13 finished. The big - - disaster.

14 MALE VOICE #2: Okay.

15 MR. SWEAT: If hadn't have been out, we
16 would have waited two more days. Because we
17 knew with him on, once he'd walked, he wasn't -
18 -.

19 MALE VOICE #2: So that was not just to
20 screw him on the - -. Probably gave him - - at
21 times.

22 MR. SWEAT: A lot of them, a lot of them COs
23 at night, the older ones, they don't walk - -.
24 But him specifically way too much. There was -
25 - will kind of check too you're in your bed and

1 everything. But him specifically he - - out.
2 So he owes being in the wrong place, yeah. And
3 I was particular - -.

4 MALE VOICE #1: But you, yourself, you could
5 have gotten out a long time before you actually
6 did though. You got out twice right?

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I could have went the day
8 before. I could have left on Thursday.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Oh, okay. So that was the
10 first time you actually broke through everything
11 and you could have gotten out?

12 MR. SWEAT: There was that - -. It was too
13 early in the morning to go anywhere. It was
14 like probably around 4:00 or 5:00.

15 MALE VOICE #1: So, what was when you came
16 out by the powerhouse, downtown? Oh, okay.

17 MALE VOICE #2: 'Cause he wasn't planning on
18 returning - -.

19 MR. SWEAT: Yeah I had popped up 'cause the
20 manhole covers didn't have a chain, I knew.
21 Yeah.

22 MALE VOICE #2: But the window came out of
23 the one on the street?

24 MR. SWEAT: Right.

25 MALE VOICE #2: And it just - -? But that -

1 - was so small.

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I know.

3 MALE VOICE #2: Do you have - -.

4 MR. SWEAT: For whatever reason I, I, you
5 know, essentially it's everything that happened
6 just, you know, we're not big guys. It's not
7 that bad. Matt, on the other hand, I dragged
8 him through there with heat. I had him hold on.
9 I told, when you go in, put down, put your arms
10 in first and then - -. I had to - -. What they
11 do is swing their bodies and hold their
12 shoulders out. So it won't be as wide. You
13 know, I'll throw you the - -, hold on - -.

14 MALE VOICE #2: And that's what you did?

15 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

16 MALE VOICE #2: In other words - -.

17 MALE VOICE #1: Were you slimming down on
18 purpose to get through the pipe easier?

19 MR. SWEAT: - - in the bathroom was I was
20 doing so much work, that I couldn't go out and
21 listen.

22 MALE VOICE #1: That's kind of what I was
23 wondering.

24 MR. SWEAT: It was so hot down there.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Just naturally?

1 MR. SWEAT: I just naturally and I
2 remember packing and actually eating more food.
3 You know larger meals. I was eating a pound of
4 pasta or rice every night.

5 MALE VOICE #1: 'Cause you burn so many
6 calories.

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, like crazy. 'Cause I'm
8 working during the day and then I'm kind of
9 actually working again at night.

10 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

11 MR. SWEAT: And clearly didn't sleep. And
12 people started dropping in and out, this and
13 that. - - in injured my shoulder. I was in my
14 cell doing handstand pushups and I fell and hit,
15 hit my shoulder.

16 MALE VOICE #2: - -

17 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. So people wouldn't
18 question it and then you know I had a coupled
19 that with, you know, I hadn't been downstairs
20 because I had been doing a lot of painting and
21 doing a lot of work. People understood that,
22 you know, and realized the pain - -.

23 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

24 MALE VOICE #2: If you could, anything that
25 you've got that truly the painting had anything

1 to with the escape?

2 MR. SWEAT: I think it, it, it might have
3 allowed opportunities, you know, being the panel
4 is new. Exceptionally good paintings and it
5 opened up opportunities where you could - - you
6 know, mostly - - paint - -. - - prove it's
7 worldly. So, it's like a little treat when you
8 get through.

9 MALE VOICE #2: Would you trade it for--

10 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] yeah I'm trading
11 paints. You know, I'll do a painting for you.
12 You know see how there's nobody coming in - -.
13 You know just bring me, you know, a couple pork
14 chops or something like boneless pork chops.
15 There's nothing like crazy that could be used as
16 a weapon or anything. Just bring me some more
17 paints, a couple of brushes, you know, some
18 things like that. But never, they didn't give
19 us anything that we can use for an escape.
20 Everything came from the - -.

21 MALE VOICE #2: Besides some - - are there
22 COs that you would not?

23 MR. SWEAT: What do you mean?

24 MALE VOICE #2: Providing stuff for
25 painting?

1 MR. SWEAT There was a few others, there's
2 a few others. I'm on both sides, both for him
3 and for men. I mean I know that they,
4 legitimately they can, my understanding is they
5 want to do all this stupid paperwork and they
6 actually leave you money in your account for a
7 painting or whatever. It was easier this way.
8 You know 'cause a lot of COs don't like to,
9 other COs dealing with inmates. So, maybe - -
10 everybody. And then they have the cheaper
11 pancakes.

12 MALE VOICE #1: We kind of, when we were
13 looking into the escape, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
17 -

18 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] you took my - -.

19 MALE VOICE #1: Could be.

20 MR. SWEAT: We've gotten some reasons, which
21 aren't - -.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

23 MR. SWEAT: So, yeah, big time the yeast.
24 It is selling the yet - - to make roots.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause with the yeast you can
2 make real, you know, real liquor.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

4 MR. SWEAT: They're making the clear stuff.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Oh, okay. Okay. Was Joyce
6 supposed to, did she help bring in some of that?

7 MR. SWEAT: No, no.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

9 MR. SWEAT: You'd have to ask her. He was
10 getting stuff from her and he wasn't telling me
11 about it. But you know, he would ask you first
12 off then.

13 MALE VOICE #1: We heard, we heard a thing
14 where he's telling her, call this number.
15 They're going to have, they're going to have a
16 package for you and you're going to bring that
17 to me.

18 MR. SWEAT: I know nothing like that.

19 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. That could have very
20 well been what it was, probably yeast maybe to
21 make alcohol and such. That makes sense.

22 MR. SWEAT: You know she, she bought that
23 herself. She purchased that herself and bought
24 that.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

1 MALE VOICE #2: Did she give you guys any
2 money?

3 MR. SWEAT: - -

4 MALE VOICE #2: You don't know?

5 MR. SWEAT: - -

6 MALE VOICE #2: What did you guys spend the
7 money on?

8 MR. SWEAT: Under the cabins in the - -
9 there. That's why you'll see it's mostly it's
10 all ones. People in cabins never think - -
11 chips and those that have tons of different - -.
12 So you just - - out of there.

13 MALE VOICE #2: Speaking of the cabins, you
14 said yesterday obviously you had a lot of time
15 on your feet. How were you treating? What were
16 you treating your feet with?

17 MR. SWEAT: Nothing really. The - - was for
18 masking. So, what I would do is, there's a
19 bunch--we'd stop at night - - my hole and using
20 a pair of tweezers and then I'd burn the
21 tweezers to sterilize them. And I'd wash the
22 feet with the moisturizer and then put a hole in
23 them and bring them all out as best I could and
24 then put pressure on them to eat the skin. - -
25 quick. And nine times out of ten what will

1 happen it will seal itself - -, which is to
2 walk on it the next day. If it doesn't, then
3 you have to cut the skin off. I take all the
4 skin off and you just have to bear through the
5 pain comes with it.

6 MALE VOICE #2: Would you use a knife and
7 all for that?

8 MR. SWEAT: No, no, I always used the - -,
9 they - - that was - -. There was a couple of
10 light bulbs that - - keeps out from rubbing
11 inside the boot. It started getting pretty bad.
12 So, I just took some antiseptic, antibacterial
13 and I swept and put that on everything and just
14 stupid - -.

15 MALE VOICE #1: Did you ever have a knife, a
16 hunting knife or survival knife or anything like
17 that?

18 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, I had one that Matt found
19 on one of the, one of the Italians. He said, oh
20 you got to have this. It's free. It's - -. I
21 said all right, I imagine it might come in handy
22 at some point. When we run out of food, well
23 that will allow us to set traps.

24 MALE VOICE #1: Yep.

25 MR. SWEAT: You know, and five, you know

1 skin - - rule, if we could get a hold of a
2 deer or something.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Yep. So you, you didn't
4 have that on you when they caught though, right?

5 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Oh you did?

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

8 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. No other knives that
9 you can think of?

10 MR. SWEAT: No, just that one.

11 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. So, I'm just trying
12 to think on, I know you told me last night, but
13 I didn't really grasp it. When, how you ended
14 up west of Malone, 'cause you said you crossed
15 Route 11, so you knew where you were. So, where
16 you south of Route 11 when you crossed over? I
17 mean Route 11 runs straight through the center
18 of Malone.

19 MR. SWEAT: Right we were, I was--when I
20 crossed Route 11, at first I was told East
21 Malone.

22 MALE VOICE #1: Oh, so you crossed it going
23 north. So, you knew where you were?

24 MR. SWEAT: Right.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

1 MR. SWEAT: A woman in the bathroom, as I
2 go I'm running into these little areas that we,
3 just for whatever reason, to pass going north or
4 northwest or northeast. I ended up having to go
5 west quite a ways. I figured I'm already by
6 Malone. That's where they're search area is. I
7 can see the choppers at nighttime. They really
8 shouldn't have them in - -.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Yep. Did you ever think
10 about stealing a car?

11 MR. SWEAT: No.

12 MALE VOICE #1: Never even crossed your
13 mind?

14 MR. SWEAT: Un hun. We come up with at a
15 couple of times. We should just take a car.
16 There's a problem if you steal a car, they're
17 going to be all over it. As soon as they find
18 out that car - - and you could run into a
19 roadblock and then what are you going to do?

20 MALE VOICE #1: Too risky, yeah.

21 MR. SWEAT: It didn't make any sense. I
22 told him, I'd rather stay on foot. We weren't
23 anticipating it - - so long on some fences
24 'cause usually it's not.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Right.

1 MR. SWEAT: And we got - - back to - - and
2 a guy was taking them out. You're only a couple
3 of days and then they're - -.

4 MALE VOICE #1: Too expensive, too much
5 work.

6 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, too expensive, you know
7 and that's how them guys got caught anyway,
8 being stupid. Came out and got in a - - from a
9 gas station. How you going to pay for gas? So
10 I told him, I said, there's no way you can do
11 that. I said, at best, I said once - - we could
12 probably steal a car from some places.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Knowing anything that's tied
14 in.

15 MR. SWEAT: Right, yeah. And then go as far
16 as we can go and then ditch the car somewhere.

17 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. Well, that makes
18 sense. I can't really think of any other
19 questions for you.

20 MALE VOICE #2: Did you have any
21 inspections, like cell inspections during the
22 time that you were--

23 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] no.

24 MALE VOICE #2: Did you have anything in
25 place in case they--

1 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] no, I covered it
2 all up. You couldn't even tell. I got the hold
3 is hidden up. - - and we used putty erasers.
4 They're mostly in and light wouldn't shine
5 through from the back or from the front. And
6 then a thin piece of tape and bend it over so it
7 would fit just right and with the light on, you
8 couldn't tell it was--you'd turn the light on
9 the hall you could probably see the tape lines,
10 but with the light on, you couldn't. And we
11 knew the CO comes in to search your cell with
12 the light - -. So he's not going to look up
13 and--

14 MALE VOICE #2: And how often would you do
15 that, would you cover it up?

16 MR. SWEAT: Every night. Every night when I
17 come back up, I'd spend about an hour and then a
18 couple on the vent so nobody could see it.

19 MALE VOICE #2: Matthew would, no Matt was -
20 -?

21 MR. SWEAT: He was formidable with that
22 shit. By the time he thought he was up on the
23 top I told him I could see it. He stuck a whole
24 bunch of - - tape on it. I said, bro you can't
25 do that. He wrapped up an extension cord taped

1 it clear against the wall so that everybody
2 was - - there. I said, bro you got to untape.
3 I said, if a cop comes in here and grabs that
4 extension cord and pulls it off the wall, all
5 that shit around the vent is coming off. And
6 the vent is going to fall out. You need to - -.

7 MALE VOICE #1: How many hours a night would
8 you usually work?

9 MR. SWEAT: I would usually go down around
10 by about 11:30. And then I always tried to make
11 it back to the cell by about 3:30, if - - an
12 hour between that and - - being back up. So I,
13 you know the time it varied. - - when I first
14 try to make it back I thought absolutely this is
15 work.

16 MALE VOICE #2: How long did you have to - -
17 number of weeks?

18 MR. SWEAT: Number of months. Several
19 months.

20 MALE VOICE #2: Including lunch every day?

21 MR. SWEAT: And every night.

22 MALE VOICE #1: No matter who was working?

23 MR. SWEAT: No matter who was working. They
24 went hours with a dummy in the bed. My dummies
25 are pretty good.

1 MALE VOICE #2: Did you guys make your - -
2 dummies - - or would you--

3 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, he, he did his own dummy.
4 I offered to work on his dummy. He made a
5 dummy. If it was a not - - minimal so - -.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Where would you keep the
7 dummy during the day?

8 MR. SWEAT: I would take it apart. It was
9 just a series of clothes, rolled and tucked a
10 certain way. You know, I was using for the
11 bottoms a thermal insulated pants 'cause they
12 were tight. I'd roll up some sweaters for the
13 thighs, some tee shirts for the calves. I would
14 roll up a pair of shorts and stuff some shirts
15 in them for, you know, the hip and the ass area.
16 I took a sweater and I have a heavy hoodie. The
17 sweater was the - - and I took all and I would
18 put all my clean clothes trying to make that and
19 fluff it up so it would look a body in the bed.
20 I used my sleep sweater for my head. I just
21 rolled that up and made it look like my head was
22 there. And it was pretty cold in there too - -
23 . If somebody did walk a second time, they
24 would expect you to have your head under the
25 covers.

1 MALE VOICE #1: Anything else?

2 MALE VOICE #2: You getting a little tired.

3 MR. SWEAT: Not really. I'm getting a
4 little sore though.

5 MALE VOICE #1: You were hit once in each
6 shoulder, once on each side?

7 MR. SWEAT: Yeah. The person wakes you up
8 to write it's not - - clavicle bone on - - and
9 the other one is somewhere on the upper left.

10 MALE VOICE #1: Did he just shoot the two
11 shots or--

12 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Did they tell you when
14 you're going to be getting transferred out of
15 here yet?

16 MR. SWEAT: They said it has to be, it would
17 probably be a few more days.

18 MALE VOICE #1: Okay.

19 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause they have to make sure
20 that it doesn't fester or anything like that.

21 MALE VOICE #1: Yep. Tell me, I mean
22 obviously, I appreciate you talking to us. You
23 know, you're being real decent with us. If I'm,
24 I mean I can't think of anything else right now,
25 but if we think of something later, you have a

1 problem if we just come back in and chat.

2 MR. SWEAT: I - -.

3 MALE VOICE #1: All right, appreciate it. I
4 don't know if you guys--

5 MALE VOICE #2: You doing all right? It
6 seems like you being shot through the sternum -
7 -.

8 MR. SWEAT: Well, I got a pretty high
9 tolerance for stuff for whatever reason. I end
10 up dealing with it.

11 MALE VOICE #2: Just when we were talking -
12 -, I read your statement - - shooting - -. I
13 read your statement. I only read the transcript
14 but to hear you talk now the same way - - it
15 seems very forthright. We do appreciate that.

16 MR. SWEAT: Like I said, I'm, I'm not a bad
17 dude. I just, I fucked up when I was younger.
18 I fucked up a lot. I got around the wrong
19 people.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

21 MR. SWEAT: And it ruined my life.

22 MALE VOICE #1: I think you kind of had a
23 tough life, a tough go at it leading up to that
24 too, didn't you?

25 MR. SWEAT: Yeah it was pretty bad. Yeah.

1 It was too late, I guess. I learned from
2 which way I should have been going.

3 MALE VOICE #1: Well, we know things happen.
4 You can't change the past, but I--

5 MALE VOICE #2:

6 MALE VOICE #1: Well, nobody's perfect, you
7 know. I - - all. Sometime the radio goes, all
8 right I bet Sweat's wishing he was back in his
9 prison cell for his birthday. But he's raining
10 his - - off. Are you an ass? Actually I ended
11 up having a nice night. It was, we ended up
12 talking for most of the morning, fell asleep on
13 a dirt road looking up at an absolutely most
14 beautiful sky that I've seen in years,
15 completely full of stars. Not a light anywhere
16 around, obstructed view or anything. And then
17 we ended up falling asleep on a mountain for a
18 few minutes 'cause we laid down to rest and
19 waking up. And we ended up staying in a deer
20 house - -. And man it was great. I seen a few
21 black bear. I was - - come across the trail,
22 that was nice. So, it ended up being a pretty
23 good birthday, all things considered.

24 MR. SWEAT: Yeah, right.

25 MALE VOICE #2: You come across any trail

1 cameras while you were out there?

2 MR. SWEAT: Yeah we did, actually. It's
3 kind of funny because we found a cabin we were
4 going to stay in - - 'cause we knew it was
5 supposed to rain. And this was actually the
6 night that we ended up finding the other deer
7 hide. So we're sitting outside. We already
8 learned our lesson. Don't stay in the cabin - -
9 . That was stupid to begin with. So the guys
10 call in. So we run quick and hid in the bushes.
11 This old timer gets out. It's a guy and girl
12 and an old timer. So the old timer gets out,
13 pops a shotgun like he's fucking some type of
14 super hero with a gun. So, we kind of thought
15 it was funny insane 'cause we're hiding in the
16 bushes and then he goes over to check trail cam
17 and he goes, hey. He says, "they took the chip,
18 somebody took the chip." What chip? What are
19 you, what are you talking about they took the
20 chip? 'Cause Matt had seen the trail cam, so he
21 took the chip out of the trail cam just in case,
22 whatever. I told him he didn't need to I said
23 because when we came up through there I said it
24 wouldn't have taken our picture. It was already
25 off 'cause he brought it over to be checked. I

1 said, the batteries are dead. So it didn't
2 take a picture. He kept the chip anyway. So,
3 he - - back out and the ladies found the old
4 man, oh you're nuts. There's no footprints over
5 here because I showed Matt how to walk, you
6 know, on certain things that wouldn't show your
7 footprints like you know when you're walking
8 around patios and stuff. So, the guy's freaking
9 out and the younger guy goes, oh yeah, yeah. I
10 believe you. Sure you do. Yeah, I know you put
11 it there. And the old man's getting ready to
12 loose it. I'm not staying out here, blah, blah,
13 blah and he got in the truck and left. So, we
14 left too 'cause now - - they going to call the
15 cops. It was, you know, the trail cam, they
16 know someone messed with the trail cam. So we
17 went to the woods and by the time we it had
18 dawned on me, there's a fucking pot grove. The
19 place was - -. That's why they never called the
20 cops. The reason I knew that was 'cause when I
21 first showed up there the guy got a rotor
22 tiller, a big bastard. It's got two full rows.
23 On the back of one of the four wheelers, it has
24 a part behind it and it's got big bags of
25 fertilizer on it. And the first place that kid

1 went when the old man said, my chip out of the
2 camera is gone, he jumped on that four-wheeler
3 and went right up to a little patch real quick
4 and came flying back down. He goes, no, no
5 everything's all right up there. I said, I'm
6 not saying here. I don't care. But he left, so
7 that's how some, the pot growers. I told Matt,
8 I said, not for nothing. I said we probably
9 could go back there and get a meal.

10 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

11 MR. SWEAT: And they probably have a sleep -
12 - right. We had already gone so far by then it
13 was too late to turn back.

14 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

15 MR. SWEAT: I thought it was kind of funny.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum. Do you, you ever
17 get caught popping your head out behind a
18 woodpile one night, another old timer sitting on
19 his back porch? That might have been after you
20 guys separated. That was over more towards, not
21 really, it was more towards Titus.

22 MR. SWEAT: No, I wouldn't - -. 'Cause
23 that's a place somebody would go in and came
24 out.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

1 MR. SWEAT: Any - - goes into any vehicles
2 anything that a person would come out, come out
3 to their gate or something, who knows. So, it
4 wasn't me.

5 MALE VOICE #1: And at - - campsite they
6 found, you never had a map with the camps on
7 there right?

8 MR. SWEAT: Yeah.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Oh you did? A trail map
10 with the--

11 MR. SWEAT: But I couldn't read them there
12 because the damn trails weren't marked.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Oh okay.

14 MR. SWEAT: So, half the time they weren't
15 where you were or which - -.

16 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

17 MR. SWEAT: The best one was the one with
18 the camp that the guy called the cops on us
19 'cause he had one on a hill. I left. I didn't
20 take it.

21 MALE VOICE #1: I was going to say, you
22 didn't take that one.

23 MR. SWEAT: I had it pretty much memorized
24 what direction to go and stuff.

25 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. Yeah, 'cause we

1 noticed there was a nice map there that you
2 guys didn't take.

3 MR. SWEAT: 'Cause I figured they'd notice
4 that missing.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

6 MALE VOICE #2: - - in the - - like you know
7 being out - - be seen. Were there specific
8 things you were trying to avoid in terms of the
9 terrain?

10 MR. SWEAT: Nope. The worst terrain the
11 better. If you're going to follow us, you're
12 going to have one hell of a crooked path to
13 follow. We climbed mounts with huge bolder
14 peaks and stuff that a person without a dog
15 wouldn't want to follow. You know, even a hiker
16 wouldn't want to go on. It would, it would
17 drive Matt crazy, but I told him, you know, it's
18 for a reason because wherever we go, they're
19 going to have to go. - - and then you've got to
20 think the dog is next. We crossed over rivers.
21 I walked to the cross - - and all sorts of
22 stuff.

23 MALE VOICE #2: Rivers, they were too
24 swollen to walk - -? They were pretty - -? Had
25 you gotten - - before you turned off, turned - -

1 ?

2 MR. SWEAT: Well, you're getting around
3 cabins and stuff, you're dealing with hunters.
4 And I told him, I said, listen, you go near a
5 cabin, you need one foot from--a hunter can see
6 - - and pick a - - 'cause he spends his life
7 hunting. You know and it's hunting cabin. So
8 when he gets there his frame of mind is going to
9 be, you know, I'm hunting. So, you know I tell
10 him, you know there are certain types of grass
11 that you can walk on that - - wouldn't see - -
12 that are going to pop back up and stuff like.
13 We would step on large rocks with - - and we'd
14 leave no - - on hard dirt that's got cut stone
15 on it. You can walk on along those paths. And
16 just different things like that.

17 MALE VOICE #1: Definitely an amazing feat
18 that you pulled off. Just getting out for the
19 first time and staying undetected for as long as
20 you guys did, you know, I mean it really is
21 amazing. I know we're trying to catch you, but
22 I mean you've kind of got to appreciate it a
23 little bit what you went through and all the
24 thought that you put into it. I mean like you
25 said, the guy on the news he couldn't have been

1 more wrong. He said, you guys didn't know
2 what you were doing. You were just running, you
3 know. You're probably going to get a lot of
4 letters now. I wouldn't be surprised.

5 MR. SWEAT: I'm not - - writing.

6 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. Yeah I can't think of
7 anything else right now. I don't want to take
8 up your whole day here, but yeah like I said, if
9 we think of something else, maybe I'll pop back,
10 one of us will pop back in and just touch base
11 with you and definitely--

12 MR. SWEAT: [Interposing] definitely going
13 in there with your eyes open.

14 MALE VOICE #1: You got any questions for
15 any of us?

16 MR. SWEAT: Not really. I think I'm going
17 to just - - things are going right now. You
18 know, I - - going to the box and probably won't
19 be here for very long.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah I don't--I'm not with
21 corrections so I don't know how all that works.
22 Yeah I just got to say you've definitely been
23 cooperative. I definitely appreciate it. I
24 know these guys do.

25 MALE VOICE #2: We'll get to that - - and -

1 -. Like I said, - - appreciate it. Obviously
2 not being - -. Just keep being up front with us
3 and you know, we'll make sure you get treated
4 all right. Okay?

5 MALE VOICE #1: Anything I should be asking
6 you or I haven't asked you about?

7 MR. SWEAT: Not that I can think of.

8 MALE VOICE #1: I'll let you rest up here a
9 little bit. Well, thanks a lot. I hope you
10 feel better. Hang in there all right? All
11 right.

12 FEMALE VOICE #1: - - is looking for a CD.

13 MALE VOICE #1: Yes. That's it.

14 FEMALE VOICE #1: You want to--

15 MALE VOICE #1: Let me just make sure
16 there's isn't like a receipt in here. Sometimes
17 they have somebody sign that when you guys
18 received it and--

19 FEMALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

20 MALE VOICE #1: Yeah. If you can just, for
21 him to sign down there. Yep. And I'll just
22 print your name on top here. [REDACTED]--

23 FEMALE VOICE #1: [REDACTED] [phonetic].

24 MALE VOICE #1: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

25 FEMALE VOICE #1: Um hum.

1 MALE VOICE #1: [REDACTED]

2 FEMALE VOICE #1: [Interposing] [REDACTED].

3 MALE VOICE #1: And you are an R.N.?

4 FEMALE VOICE #1: Yeah.

5 MALE VOICE #1: Okay. And those were the
6 two CDs right there. All right. Thank you very
7 much.

8 FEMALE VOICE #1: Thank you.

9 MALE VOICE #1: Take it easy Dave.

10 [BACKGROUND NOISE]

11 [END RECORDING -

12 NYSPINTERVIEW_OF_DAVID_SWEAT_6-29-15.MP3]

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23


24

25

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

C E R T I F I C A T E

The prior proceedings were transcribed from audio files and have been transcribed to the best of my ability. I further certify that I am not connected by blood, marriage or employment with any of the parties herein nor interested directly or indirectly in the matter transcribed.

Signature 

Date July 15, 2015